

1.3.1 Primary Solid Waste Management Responsibility

The day-to-day management of the County's integrated solid waste management system and planning for solid waste management is the responsibility of the County's DPWT. DPWT is under the general supervision of a Director, who is appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. Within DPWT, DSWS, which is headed by a merit employee division chief, is responsible for:

- Overseeing the collection of solid waste, responding to inquiries and complaints related to collection services and other County solid waste program activities, and enforcing solid waste laws and regulations;
- Managing solid waste reduction, recycling, composting, resource recovery and disposal facilities and programs to implement the County's integrated solid waste management system as detailed in Chapter 5 of this Plan;
- Disseminating information to the public about various components of the County's integrated solid waste management system;
- Assisting and supporting the legislatively created citizen advisory committees including: the SWAC, FIG and other ad-hoc advisory groups;
- Planning for facilities and programs with advice from SWAC and FIG to implement the County's integrated solid waste management system;
- Drafting the Plan and its amendments and revisions, proposed legislation and regulations, with review comments from the Office of the County Attorney (OCA), SWAC, FIG and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC); and

- Providing for the periodic review and update, if necessary, of the Plan on a three-year basis.

1.3.2 Other Executive Branch Departments that Manage Solid Waste

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) monitors air, water, and other environmental quality concerns related to solid waste management activities. In addition, DEP ensures that hazardous and special medical wastes are properly handled through the enforcement of State regulations and Chapter 48 of the County Code governing the handling and disposal of such material.

The Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) enforces portions of Chapter 48 by ensuring removal of abandoned vehicles and solid waste from residential areas.

The DPWT Division of Operations vacuums leaves in a portion of the County, collects roadside litter, and conducts clean-up operations following significant storm events.

The Police Department receives and disposes of abandoned vehicles.

The Division of Animal Control and Humane Treatment within the Police Department contracts for the collection and disposal of dead animals.

The Department of Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS) reviews solid waste acceptance facilities with respect to the potential for fire and other hazards. DFRS also supports DEP in controlled hazardous substances (CHS) spill emergencies.

1.3.3 Other Agencies that Manage Solid Waste

Other agencies have the following roles in the management of solid waste in the County and in the development of the Plan.